

**ILLINOIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO
THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS
MEETING MINUTES**

March 6, 2017

The Illinois Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Committee) convened via conference call to clarify any pending questions and concerns before the public hearing on voting rights. Juan Carlos Linares chaired the meeting according to the agenda items identified. The Chair performed a roll call of committee members present. The meeting was open to the public and took place from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM CST.

State Advisory Committee Members:

Present:

1. Joanna Bohdziewicz-Borowiec
2. Juan Carlos Linares (Chair)
3. Malik Nevels
4. Evelyn Rodriguez
5. Kendric Cobb

Absent:

1. Johnathan Bean
2. James Botana
3. Cindy Buys
4. Trevor Copeland
5. Tabassum Haleem
6. William Howard
7. Bryant Jackson-Green
8. Sweta Shah
9. Anne Wortham
10. Richard Garcia
11. Reyahd Kazmi

Commission Staff present:

- Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO
- Victoria Moreno, USCCR intern

Members of the Public present:

- None identified

Meeting Notes/Decisions Made:

1. Discussion of Abstracts and Agenda
 - a. USCCR Intern, Victoria Moreno, to send final version of agenda and abstracts to Committee members. Committee members are encouraged to review abstracts to formulate their questions. As there are 4-5 speakers per panel, there will likely be maximum of one question per Committee members with follow-up, depending on number of Committee members present
 - b. Chair, Juan Carlos Linares, will facilitate Q&A for Professor Christina Rivers (Panel 2) after her testimony
2. Outreach
 - a. Committee discussed ongoing outreach to individual networks and media outlets
3. Guidelines

- a. Committee discussed how to handle panelist comments that might be degrading. Though Chair has discretion, Chair is willing to defer to other Committee members' concerns if the need arises. Chair/committee members will ask speaker to redirect or rephrase their comments appropriately
- 4. Hearing Details
 - a. Committee members are asked to arrive between 7:30am and 7:45am the day of the hearing. The hearing will begin promptly at 8:00am

Open Comment

At the conclusion of the meeting, public lines were opened for comment. No public comment was received.

Meeting Adjourned

12:30 PM CST